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Don Lee Merrick
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By electronic mail only

Subject: Response to Citizen Comments, Mountain Valley Stone, Inc., Brown's Canyon Quarry, M/043/0019, Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Merrick:

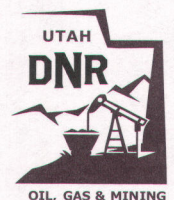
In your electronic mail message sent March 8, 2016, you stated the following:

1. "Their mining will essentially reduce the value of that land to \$0"
2. "Their plan is inadequate and unrealistic in regards to their reclamation plan"
3. "They need to have a finite plan"

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) responds as follows:

1. The Division's authority is directly tied to the Mined Land Reclamation Act (the Act) (Utah Code 40-8) and associated rules (Utah Administrative Rules Title R647). Property value is not addressed in either the Act or the rules.
2. The Division is charged with enforcing the Act and its implementing rules. This includes the minimization of undesirable effects of mining and ensuring reclamation is performed in accordance with the Act and rules. Reclamation must be adapted to the specific environment, as per Utah Code 40-8-2(3). The Division is currently reviewing a revision to the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations.
3. The approved Notice of Intention shall remain in effect for the life of the mine, as per rule R647-4-102.

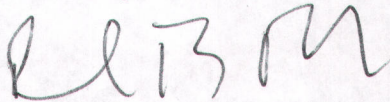
These responses should adequately address your questions and concerns, as the Division is able to do so within the scope of its authority.



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Please contact the permit lead, Leslie Heppler, at 801-538-5257 or me at 801-538-5261 with further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'PB' followed by a stylized flourish.

Paul Baker
Minerals Program Manager

PBB: lah: eb
cc: Hollie Brown, (holliebrown@utah.gov); Robert Hicken (robert@utahstone.com)
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